

GOVERNOR URGES OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAY ON JUNE 14

Governor George Curry has issued a proclamation, calling upon the different cities and towns in the territory to observe the 132nd anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, as the flag of the United States, which occurs next Monday, June 14. The governor recommends that flag day be observed by displaying the national emblem upon all public buildings and institutions in the territory, as well as upon private homes and places of business and where possible that patriotic exercises suitable for the day be also held.

The history of the flag is interesting, considering the important part it has played in the history of the United States.

History of the Flag.

The history of the American flag began with the landing of the Mayflower in 1620. The first colonial flag was known as the "King's Colors," combining the red and white crosses of England and Scotland upon an inner field of blue. During the memorable struggle of the colonists to establish themselves, various attempts were made to evolve a general flag of their cause, but nothing definite resulted. The animating sentiment of the fathers of the republic was that of freedom, and in support thereof the word "Liberty" was emblazoned upon many of the flags employed in those early days.

So great was the prejudice against England and the trappings of royalty that the use of the "King's Colors" became intermittent, and was finally discontinued. Similar prejudice developed against the crimson banner subsequently adopted by the mother country, and known as the "Cromwell Flag." In the year 1707 the colonists selected a red flag as their ensign bearing on the upper corner the green symbol of a pine tree on a white field. This banner was in popular favor for many years and it is thought to have been the one carried by the Americans in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Beginning of Stars and Stripes.

In 1775 a flag was designed for the Continental army and navy, showing thirteen alternate stripes of red and white, corresponding to the number of the colonies, with an azure field in the upper corner bearing the red cross of St. George and the white of St. Andrew. This was the beginning of the flag of stars and stripes. In this form it was hoisted by General George Washington over his headquarters at Cambridge, Mass., January 1, 1776. The same pattern of flag was raised by Lieutenant John Paul Jones on his vessel, the "Alfred"—its first use on a man of war.

The right of freedom was proclaimed by the colonists on July 2, 1776, and, two days later, on July 4, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. In response to the demand for a banner more representative of the aims and ideals of the new country, on June 14, 1777, one hundred and thirty-two years ago, congress declared the national flag to be thirteen stripes, seven red and six white with thirteen stars in a circle on a blue field.

First Flag Made by Betsy Ross.

According to most authorities the first flag of this description was made by Betsy Ross, at her home, No. 239 Arch street, Philadelphia, a building still preserved and pointed out as the birthplace of our national emblem. George Washington, acting as committee man, submitted the design of the flag to Betsy Ross, and it was upon her suggestion that the stars were made of five points, as in France, instead of six points, as in England. In 1795, after Vermont and Kentucky had been admitted into the union, two stars and two stripes were added to the flag. The war of 1812 was fought under such a flag,

and it remained in this form until July 4, 1818, when the stripes were reduced to the original thirteen, and the stars increased to one for each state.

What the Colors Mean.

These changes also brought about a re-arrangement of the stars from the circular to the present group formation. For a time the constellation was depicted as one large star, thus suggesting the motto, *E Pluribus Unum*: "One formed of many." The red, white and blue colors in the flag were inherited from England and Scotland. The combination of stripes colors and stars was an American idea. The red in the flag has been interpreted to mean defiance to all forms of tyranny and oppression, the white is indicative of purity and charity, while the blue represents justice and fidelity. In the American navy a special flag is displayed during the Sunday religious service—a square pennant of white, charged with a blue cross emblematic of faith, and this is the only flag that is permitted to fly.

College Course in Politics.

To Columbia university belongs the credit of offering the first course designed to give students a practical knowledge of the conduct of political affairs. That institution has asked the bureau of municipal research in New York to give the members of the class the benefit of the experience it has derived from the study of the affairs of that city, and the invitation has been accepted. The growing demand for the adoption of the scientific methods of city governments lends support to the view that college men will be in demand in this department of the public service, hence the propriety and usefulness of a university course established on the lines indicated by the innovation at Columbia.

Haitians a Lazy Lot.

Sydney Brooks, writing to the London Chronicle about Haiti, says the Haitians were the first people in the world, to abolish slavery, and Mrs. C. R. Miller, writing in Leslie's Weekly, says of Haiti: "In that little republic, covering about 10,000 square miles, within five days' sail of New York, one may encounter more strange complications and a greater disregard for human life than in the remote countries of the east. Situated in the very heart of the West Indies, where civilization exists in a high degree, Haiti alone has kept her doors closed to progress. She became an independent state more than 100 years ago. Her rich lands were already under cultivation, but the lazy natives allowed the plantations to go to ruin, and forests have grown up instead."

Farm Employment for Criminals.

Gov. Harris of Ohio believes that criminals can be employed on a farm with advantage to themselves and the state. He proposes that prisoners in the penitentiary who are not confirmed criminals be transferred to the reformatory and put to work on the state farm. "It is the conditions of our cities that breed crime," says the governor. "Most of it can be traced to idleness and drink, and idleness is frequently the cause of drink. There is little drink in the country and practically no idleness. If the young man who had slipped over the bounds of a law were taught scientific farming he would come to like it and escape the associates who carry him down when he returns to the city."

Certainly Not Overlooked.

"In short, sir, we go in far too little for what Matthew Arnold calls sweetness and light." "I don't see that—sugar and oil are the two biggest trusts we support."—Life.

Passive Virtue Discredited.

I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and seeks her adversary.—Milton.

Rubber.

Rubber is a queer product. It thrives best in the hottest countries in the tropics, yet it cannot stand heat. In 1908 we imported \$37,000,000 worth.

Charity and Love.

Without dew and light flowers fade. Charity and love are the dew and light of the human heart.—Mme. de Gentils.

Money and Knowledge.

Money and knowledge are wholly unlike in that the less knowledge one has the easier it is to pick up more.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Ravages of Field Vermin.

The department of agriculture estimates that the ravages of field mice and rats entail a direct loss of \$20,000,000 annually.

Olive Oil for Books.

Olive oil rubbed over the library shelves will, it is said, prevent the mildewing of the books.

The Gentleman.

He is gentle if he doth what 'longest to a gentleman.—Chaucer.

ASSORBLETS.

There is such a thing as being so white that people are ashamed to skin you. (Common Sense.)

Some men are like dogs—pat them on the head and they'll put their feet in your lap. (Common Sense.)

There may be an excuse for dishonesty, but there is none for discourtesy. Dishonesty is usually the result of weakness, but discourtesy is just plain meanness. (Common Sense.)

Burglars broke into the private strong box of Omer K. Benedict, editor of the Oklahoma City, Okla., Times, last week. Notes and private papers valued at \$2,000 were taken. (Editor and Publisher.) Mr. Benedict was at one time employed on The Optic, and because of this the question arises will wonders never cease?

The world owes no man any more than he willingly tries to put into it. The man who seeks to get more out of life than he is pleased to put in will fall dismally. Success may seem to smile upon the shirker at times, but on the day of final reckoning he will come out short in his accounts. Better think about it. (Reflector.)

"I have here an opera," announced the robust composer, "which will be the greatest production of the century. It is called Paradise." "Paradise," roared the impresario, "man, do you realize what it would cost for scenery?" "Yes," answered the composer calmly, "but do you realize what would be saved on costumes?" (Town Topics.)

This story was told at a church banquet in Atchison, Kansas: A boarder complained to the proprietor of the hotel that he had found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey must have come from the comb; but I can't understand how the hair got in the apple sauce, for I picked the apples myself and they were all Baldwin.

It was at a White House reception that a Philadelphia picked up a choice gem which he never tires of telling. A charming girl of 18, the daughter of a Western publisher and quite a society queen in her own city, had been brought to Washington by her father, and at one of the White House receptions was presented to President Roosevelt. As her small hand disappeared within the hearty grasp of the president the maiden looked up at him, and smiling sweetly said: "I'm awfully glad to meet you, Mr. Roosevelt. I've often heard papa speak of you." (Philadelphia Times.)

He was telling a thrilling story out of his wallet of a thousand and one hairbreadth escapes over in Santiago, doncheknow, and his pretty listener was leaning anxiously toward him, hanging on his every utterance. "The wolves were upon us," he said, "bellowing and roaring, as I have so often heard them. We fled for our lives. I don't deny it; but every second we knew the ravenous pack was gaining on us. At last they were so near that we could feel their muzzles against our legs—" "Ah," gasped out the lady. "How glad you must have been that they had their muzzles on." (Answers.)

A merchant in a North Dakota town who had a Swedish clerk sent him out to do some collecting. When he returned from an unsuccessful trip he reported:

"Yim Yonson say he will pay when he sells his hogs. Ole Olsen, he will pay when he sells his wheat, and Bill Paek say he will pay in January."

"Well," said the boss "that's the first time Bill ever set a date to pay. Did he really say he would pay in January?"

"Veil, aye tank so," said the clerk. "He say it ban a dam cold day when you get the money." I think that ban in January.

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